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1. On 21 August 1953, the Ziethen Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied not to capacity by about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and an undetermined number of uniformed women with the same service color. Between 14 and 21 August                      physical training and, on 15 August, 60 troops receiving advanced combat training. Motor vehicles                      were seen en route to and from the installation.

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2. On 21 August, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to about half of its capacity by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Little activity was observed in the installation during the period under review. At about 5:30 p.m. on 14 August, 6 trucks towing 2 x 85-mm AA guns                      entered the installation, coming from the direction of Westkreuz. Motor vehicles                      were seen en route to and from the installation.

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3. On 11 August, the Horn Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia.                      preparations for the departure of elements of the units stationed there. At 7:30 p.m. on 8 August, several trucks were loaded with baggage and billeting equipment in the barracks yard. Soldiers observed in the barracks yard carried straw mattresses. At about 10:15 p.m. on 11 August, about 18 trucks, occupied by troops and loaded with baggage, left the installation toward the Nachrichten Kaserne.                     

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4. On 11 August, the Euelow Kaserne was occupied by about 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia and, a few, tank insignia. At noon on 8 August, about 300 troops were lined up in the barracks yard. Straw mattresses and boxes were being loaded on trucks. Two columns, each of about 80 troops, left the installation toward the firing range. Motor vehicles                      were seen entering and leaving the installation.

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5. During the night on 19 August, numerous trucks went from the shunting station north of the Artillerie Kaserne to the cantonment near Rosengarten and vice versa. The streets on which the vehicles drove, were blocked and guarded by sentries.                      the trucks carried ammunition.                     

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6. On 20 August, the Buelow Kaserne was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 7 August, about 24 troops left for the firing range and 50 troops engaged in physical training.

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7. On 20 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No regular activities were observed between 4 and 20 August. On 4 August, SU-100 guns were observed in the barracks area. At 6:30 p.m. on 14 August, 10 T-43 tanks, and about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were entrained at the freight station on Kant Strasse.

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8. AAA emplacements observed in August included an emplacement of 4 x 85-mm and 4 x 37-mm AA guns at the railroad bridge across the Oder River; and an emplacement of 4 x 85-mm and 4 x 37-mm AA guns near the autobahn bridge across the Oder River. The fire-direction center and radar for these batteries were determined in the bend near Lossow. Another emplacement of each two batteries of 85-mm and 37-mm AA guns was determined near the new chuchyard. The fire direction center was in the immediate vicinity of the batteries. Camouflaged motor vehicles were seen near the emplacements. these AAA units had come from the Hindenburg Kaserne.

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1. Comment. The elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Frankfurt/Oder returned to their installations from the Lieberose troop training grounds during the rebellion in June. As Camp Jamlitz was vacant on 25 July and, according to information in this report, the Horn Kaserne and the Buelow Kaserne were occupied to capacity on 11 August, there is reason to assume that large elements stayed at the installation from mid-June to early August. The departure of individual units mentioned in this report probably was connected with exercises of the division, which took place in the area between Frankfurt/Oder and Lieberose in August. Information in this report as well as previous information, according to which 12 troop trains were seen en route between Frankfurt/Oder and the Lieberose, Beeskow and Grunow railroad stations, tends to indicate that battalions and regiments practiced individually one after the other and that the exercises were not held at division level.

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2. Comment. The elements of the 32d AAA Div (US), which were absent from the Artillerie Kaserne, are fairly definitely believed to have transferred to Wustrow on 2 or 3 trains on 19 August.

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